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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004 for three(3) month(s) from October 13, 2004 to January 13, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ASP-16/ACF in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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